Christ The King Episcopal Church 40 Charleston Road, Willingboro, NJ 08046

Tel (609) 877-2987 <u>ctk@christthekingnj.org</u> <u>https://www.christthekingnj.org</u> Sunday, March 17th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. <u>Holy Communion</u>

Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church

Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church in Willingboro, NJ, a vibrant and growing Episcopal parish in Willingboro, Burlington County, New Jersey. Over the past 60 years, the fabric of Christ the King has been woven by the Spirit from the lives and gifts of diverse people; their desire to live their faith through worship, service, study, and stewardship; and the ever-evolving life of Burlington County itself.

Our parish is guided by its mission to share God's love for all people. Together we seek to build relationships with one another and with our neighbors, to cultivate compassion, to deepen our knowledge and spiritual practices, to work for justice rooted in essential human dignity, and to live as conscientious contributors to the life of our city and the Anglican Communion worldwide. As we grow together in service and love, we know ourselves, first and foremost, as followers of Jesus.

We are delighted to welcome you today; thank you for the gift of your participation and prayers. If you are new to Christ the King, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy or one of the Ushers.

> Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage Cellular telephone # (609) 850-9044 Email address: priest@christthekingnj.org Office hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Senior Warden: Hubert Lambert Junior Warden: Jermaine Smith

Meditation: A Perfect Sacrifice" Holy One, Jesus Christ, the only one worthy to give his life, for the sins of all mankind; such a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ!

Processional Hymn #473 – Lift High the Cross

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins. **People:** His mercy endureth for ever.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14, 16

The Deacon or Celebrant then says:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence.

Minister and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Here is sung or said:

Kyrie eleison. *Christe eleison.* Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34......Maxine Harvey

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after

those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51:1-13

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Reading from Hebrew 5:5-10 Joan Burke

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #439 – What Wondrous Love is This

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went

and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. (John 12:20-33)

At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.**PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn - LEVAS #125.....Fix Me Jesus, Fix Me

SermonThe Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage

The Nicene Creed We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially_____.], that they may, both by their life and doctrine,

set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially

_____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [______ and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially_____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Peace Hymn.: Come by Here Lord - LEVAS pg. 162

Announcements:

Offertory Sentence:

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

Offertory Hymn #337: And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer

death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread Then may be sung or said Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Communion Hymn #474: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Ablution: O How He Loves You and Me - LEVAS pg. 35 **Blessings** (please come forward for blessings for travel, birthday, wedding anniversary, etc)

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Priest, gives the blessing:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Retiring Hymn # 441 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Announcements – News - Thoughts

Sunday, March 17th, 2024 JOIN US FOR SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30AM PUBLIC WORSHIP HAS BEEN RESUMED

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Prayers:

To add names to the prayer list, email ctk@christthekingnj.org or call 609.877.2992. Names are kept on the list for a month and can be added again upon request. Contact the Church Office for contact information of the names on the prayer list.

Our Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need. We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servants below for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; preserve them from the temptations of thy enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Josie Howard Marion Cannon Angela Cannon Marilyn Capehart Josephine White Freda Oasin Jean Thomas Margaretta McDougal Edythe Munson **Eustace** December Yvonne December **Billie** Miller Melvina Berry Basil Mitchell Emmanuel Ogbuokiri **Tracey Lewis**

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting:

Join us on Wednesday nights for prayer service on Zoom at 7:15pm.

Wednesday Prayer Meetings are now on Zoom (Using the Church Zoom Link):

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86374035494?pwd=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE 9zZnlldngyNTZTdz09

Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431. By Linda Anderson

Bible Studies

During the season of Lent, we continue bible studies on Tuesdays of each week at 7:00pm. We will be using the "People of the Passion: A Lenten Weekly Study," by Dr. Cathy Randall for our Lenten study. Tuesday coming we will focus on the Judas. You are invited to join us using the Church Zoom Link.

Stations of the Cross

Reminder that during the season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 3:00pm.

Men Of Christ the King Monthly Meeting

The MOCTK monthly meeting is held the second Saturday of every month at 10.00am on Zoom. All the Men of Christ the King are members of this group and are expected to attend. Next meeting is April 12th, 2024, at 10.00am.

Zoom ID: 818-7152-9383, Password: 359999

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Emergency Contact Information:

All parishioners wanting to add an emergency contact to the church's directory, please write the contact's name and number and put it in the collection plate. This information will be kept PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

Life Group Ministries

The Women's Life Group has resumed meetings on Thursdays, 3:00-4:15 PM. We invite any women interested to call with questions or for information. Carolyn Booker 412-337-2576.

Looking To Join the Altar Guild Ministry?

We are looking for new volunteers; men and women, to join us in preparing the sanctuary for Sunday services. All are welcome to come and learn about this labor of love! Please call Linda Anderson at 609-760-1050 for more information. Thank you!

Youth & Young Adults

We continue to invite all the youth or young adults you know to become involved and make contact with Rev. Vernal Savage, and Nathan Roberts. This afternoon at we will meet at 4:00pm and there is still time to get more persons involved. We hope to see all the youth and young adults at this in-person event this afternoon. Kindly help us to ensure we have contact information for all the youth and young adults.

Parishioners/ Sharing/Preaching

During our Lenten pilgrimage I am inviting you as followers of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to come forward in one of the services to share a message. It is my hope that we can share the working of God in our lives, or it could be something that happened that impacted your faith. The dates that are available are February 18th & 25th, also March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. Kindly speak with me so that we can arrange the dates most convenient for you.

March Birthdays:

- 7th Liana James-Lemus 9th – Mekalah Dupree 10th – Okeechi Ogbuokiri 12th – Jonathan Roberts 22nd – Nina Simmons 22nd – Marian Cannon 26th – Kenneth Mallory
- 26th Ozioma Olowu
- 28th Emerson Cooper
- 28th Gloria Jean Ŵest
- 30th Josephine White
- 31st Kelsey Chukwuocha
- 31st Kenneth Chukwuocha

The People's Sermon Preaching Cohorts

I am desirous of working for the improvement of preaching within Christ the King and inviting you to consider to be part of an initiative to be part of cohorts of 4-6 congregational teams (a priest/deacon/along with 3-6 congregation members) who gather with professor Shauna Hanna via zoom six times over 2 months. Participant evaluations suggest that the cohorts benefit individuals and congregations in a variety of ways. They have begun to:

- understand what preaching is and why we do it,
- develop more creative and participatory Bible studies,
- prompt congregation members to listen to sermons in new ways,
- equip lay preachers within congregations.

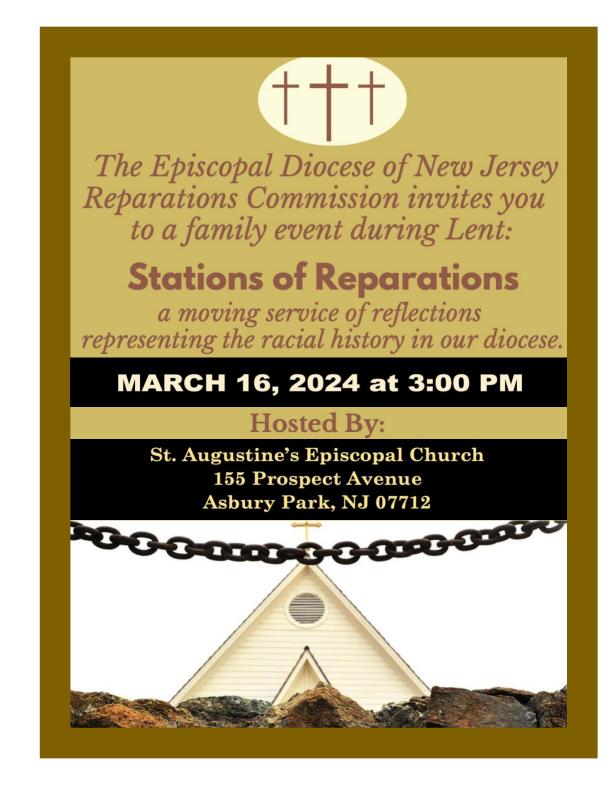
If this is of interest to you, please do not hesitate to speak with Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage to participate.

Holy Week & Easter Services

- Passion Sunday, March 24th Service at 9:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Service March 28th at 4:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Service March 29th at 12:00 p.m.
- Easter Day Service March 31st at 9:30 am

Volunteers are invited to get their feet washed by the Rev. Fr. Vernal. We will need at least twelve (12) volunteers for the maundy Thursday service feet washing.

Union of Black Episcopalians Mid - Atlantic Region Conference Christ the King Episcopal Church in Willingboro, New Jersey will be hosting the Mid - Atlantic Region Conference of the Union of Black Episcopalians on April 27, 2024.





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Secret Prayer

Scripture Night and day praying exceedingly...... 1 Thessalonians 3

A Word for Today

The author of an old book about prayer, The Kneeling Christian, said, "It is not too much to say that all real growth in the spiritual life—all victory over temptation, all confidence and peace in the presence of difficulties and dangers, all repose of spirit in times of great disappointment or loss, all habitual communion with God—depend upon the practice of secret prayer."

When we think God doesn't hear our prayers, it's not because He's far away. He is nearer than we can imagine. Perhaps He knows our request isn't really for our good. Or maybe the timing isn't right. Sometimes we must "wait on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14). Perhaps a sinful habit is hindering our prayers.

Remember—God is always very near and working on our behalf. When we see immediate answers to our prayers, we should rejoice. When He doesn't answer immediately, we should trust. The time we spend in prayer is precious because we are entering into and recognizing the presence of a God for whom nothing is impossible. Give Him time to work!

A child of God ought to expect answers to prayer. God means every prayer to have an answer; and not a single real prayer can fail of its effect in Heaven.

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for Your unwavering love and kindness. Thank You for the reassurance that You are always near, and for the peace that Your Word brings to my soul. You have called me to be a light in this world, to shine brightly amidst the darkness. Help others to see You in me. I choose to remember the countless times You've made a way where there seemed to be none. Thank You for answered prayers. I seek refuge in Your divine strength. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.